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In re Application of:

H. Michael WENZ

Application No.: 09/724,755

Filed: November 28, 2000

For: METHODS FOR DETECTING
TARGET NUCLEIC ACIDS USING
COUPLED LIGATION AND
AMPLIFICATION

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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

Applicant now responds to the Final Office Action mailed April 1, 2004 ("the Action"). The period for reply has been extended one month by the Petition for One Month Extension of Time and fee payment filed concurrently herewith.